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Admiral Stansfield Turner
Commander in Chief
Headquarters, Allied Forces Southern Europe
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New York, New York 05924

Dear Stan:

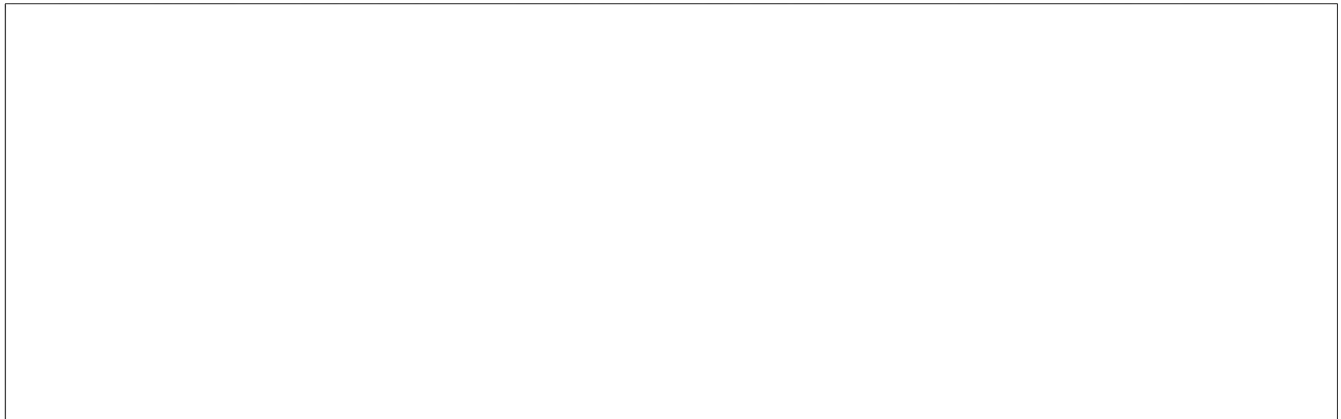
I enjoyed very much our brief telcon during your last visit to D.C. I hope sometime we may have a chance to continue comparing notes.

What a genuine pleasure it is for me to follow your remarkable rise up through the military and now to this very important post as head of CIA. My congratulations on all counts, especially on your recent vote of confidence by the U.S. Senate.

There is no doubt in my mind that your success has been due mostly to much hard work. I also believe it is a tribute to your combined command, scholastic and diplomatic ability to have advanced, as you have, to this point in your career. Because it could not have happened to a nicer person, I want to wish you every continued success.

What I believe makes this opportunity so good for you is that it is comparable to taking over a disorganized, inefficient military command where low morale is prevalent. The showing which you can make can be tremendous by simply (but not so easily) making good common sense policies and decisions. I am confident from your past record that you are going to do well.

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